

October 26

Hello Women At CLAW!

Here's an idea I had regarding a brochure for CLAW--

It would be a brochure that had six or eight sides, something like that, with, on each side, a photo of a woman (each of us) and beneath that, a concise description of who we are and why we believe in what we're doing/ what it means, or the most important thing, as we see it, about our involvement. I see it as kind of a tool to show our diversity, and give something to other women that they can relate to--showing our ages, backgrounds, the different angles we come at regarding our issues. I don't know how many words each that might be, I haven't tried it out yet. I've seen as I'm sure you have, similar brochures telling about a program, or selling something, and they do have some appeal. I'll be thinking of a little blurb I'd like and will wait to hear how you all (as they say in the south for singular OR plural) think about it.

Words have their limits but they can be strong, too. I think it's important to develop a number of pieces of literature to use for sending to other geographic locations (where we can't do word-of-mouth); for taking to fairs and festivals; leaving at strategic locations such as women's centers and bookstores; having something to give to media when we have actions; -- and let's see what else? perhaps Lynn will have something to add to this when I share this with her later.

Lynn wrote a letter to the women in Madison Wisconsin who did a shirt-free demo day before our action in August (synchronicity?) and we're enclosing a copy of that and also the paper their action was written about in. A friend of my brother's had come from there and given it to him and he passed it along to me (he lives in Minnesota).

As we mentioned to them -- perhaps it's a better idea to try to organize an action same day in different parts of the country (at least for now) rather than aim to gather in one city? I wrote Nikki (Craft) some time back asking her about the date Aug third, for her, and will follow up on that. Offhand, I'm thinking that there may be groups in New York, Boston, Madison, Colorado (any info on this, Ramona?) and ??North Carolina ??

Can someone write a thank you to Jamie & Sarah Snell for their donation? I thanked them personally as they are friends of mine, but I think it'd be nice if they got an acknowledgement from CLAW there. I suppose we don't need a "form thank you" at this point but just a brief, "thanks for your contribution" will give people some deserved acknowledgement, yes?

It's hard to figure out how best to communicate with you so many miles away. Hope you'll keep in touch and let us know what's happening at meetings, any news about court shit, etc.

Other brochure ideas we had, by the way were--

Lynn feels we should have some follow-up communication to our petition-signers, esp. the ones who indicated they wanted to be on our mailing list. This could take the form of a new brochure or piece of literature or a letter. (see note in margin above)

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Another use of new literature would be to keep in contact with people who sign up for CLAW mailing list - lets them know we're working on issue AND haven't forgotten their interest.

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L & I thought we should have some kind of a "position paper" -- vis-a-vis the relationship between CLAW's efforts for shirt-free equality and other feminist issues. This could include something like, "we support:... challenging NY State law, etc. for these reasons; ...we support reproductive rights....we support actions taken to end harassment of women.. etc....."

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It's beautiful and peaceful here and I am in a whole different world in such a short space of time. I was quite sick, as I wrote Susan, and am getting better but still a bit weak and some bronchial congestion.

Haven't thought too much about what to do where and how except to explore the area here and about, a few steps at a time, and rest a bit from so much moving this past year. Many goodbyes were difficult, and now it's a kind of dreamy zone in between old familiar things and a world I don't yet know.

"In the meantime", as the saying goes, I love the quiet walks, forest and mountains, special time with Lynn, and time to reflect about myself and the world. Here I'm reminded that Nature has a way of proceeding quite beautifully without the mashing about of humans, and there is something reassuring about it.

Hope you're all doing ok-- much love--

Kathie

P.S. Has the letter gone out to women's publications? I can watch for it in "New Directions for Women" since I subscribe to it - can each of you monitor a publication (or two) to see if it gets published and then what kind of response it gets?

Love and hugs — Lynn

